

REMARKS

The present invention provides polypeptides related to microbial pathogenicity and methods of identifying compounds that bind to these polypeptides.

Claims 2-43 have been canceled, and new claims 44-52 have been added. New claims 44-51 recite polypeptides that are substantially identical to a polypeptide encoded by ORF11738, ORF14155, ORF19544, or ORF23228 (as disclosed, for example, on pages 10 and 13-16 of the specification). Claim 52 recites a method for identifying a compound that binds any one of these polypeptides (see, for example, page 8, lines 18-22).

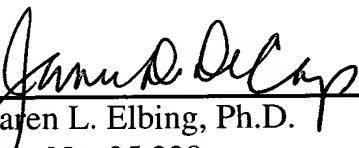
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

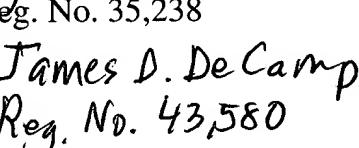
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